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AUDIO INFORMATION REPRODUCING METHOD

**STATEMENT OF RELEVANCY**

**Reference AO (10-199211) on form PTO-1449:**

This reference shows a similar editing method which contains a silent data. (Figure 8 and paragraphs [0085]-[0100] of pages 10-11)

**Reference AP (8-321160) on form PTO-1449:**

This reference shows a similar editing method which contains a silent data (Figures 2-3 and paragraphs [0039]-[0050] of pages 5-6)

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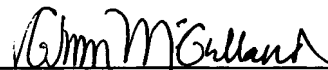
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